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NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER KHUKRIT PRAMOT
HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE MAY 23. THE FOLLOWING IS AN
UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS REMARKS ON THE
ASSEMBLY DECISION TO RECOMMEND SANYA THAMMASAK AS PRIME
MINISTER.

KHUKRIT: THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HAS
VOTED FOR PROFESSOR SANYA TO CONTINUE IN THE POSITION
OF PRIME MINISTER. I WILL PRESENTLY MAKE AN APPOINTMENT
TO MEET HIM AND THEN I AND THE DEPUTY SPEAKER WILL GO
AND INFORM HIM AND HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH HIM ON THE
DESIRE OF THE ASSEMBLY.

REPORTER: WHICH DEPUTY SPEAKER?

KHUKRIT: BOTH DEPUTY SPEAKERS, OF COURSE. (LT. GEN.

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SAMRAN PHAETHAYAKUN AND PRAPHAT UAICHAJ). ALL THREE OF

US MUST GO IN FORCE.

REPORTER: WILL YOU GO AND MEET HIM AT HIS RESIDENCE?

KHUKRIT: I DON'T KNOW YET. I AM CONTACTING HIM TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET HIM. THE APPOINTMENT WILL BE FOR 2:30 P.M., AFTER LUNCH SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN BE CALM AND IN ORDER TO HAVE A GOOD ATMOSPHERE FIRST BEFORE HOLDING TALKS.

REPORTER: WAS HE THE ONLY PERSON SELECTED?

KHUKRIT: NO ACTUAL RESOLUTION WAS PASSED. AS SPEAKER I UNDERSTAND FROM CONSULTATIONS HELD BY MEMBERS THAT THIS IS THE DESIRE OF THE ASSEMBLY BECAUSE THIS WAS NOT A MEETING BUT IT WAS CONSULTATIONS HELD AMONG MEMBERS ONLY AND NO RESOLUTION WHATSOEVER WAS PASSED. BUT THIS IS WHAT I UNDERSTAND.

REPORTER: WAS THE NAME OF ANY OTHER PERSON PROPOSED ALSO?

KHUKRIT: THERE WAS NO OTHER NAME AT ALL.

REPORTER: WHAT REASONS WERE GIVEN BY THE ASSEMBLY?

KHUKRIT: THE REASON IS MOST PROBABLY BECAUSE HE IS THE MOST SUITABLE PERSON IN THE PRESENT SITUATION. THERE ARE NO CONDITIONS AT ALL.

REPORTER: WHY WAS SUCH A LONG MEETING HELD?

KHUKRIT: ONCE PEOPLE START TALKING, AND WHEN THEY LIKE ONE ANOTHER, THEY NATURALLY TALK FOR A SOMEWHAT LONG TIME. (LAUGHS)

REPORTER: SHOULD PROFESSOR SANYA NOT ACCEPT THE POSITION, THEN WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

KHUKRIT: SHOULD HE REALLY NOT ACCEPT IT, THEN IT
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WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR FURTHER TALKS TO BE HELD IN ORDER TO TRY AND FIND SOME OTHER PERSON. BUT I DON'T THINK THAT THERE WILL BE ANY PROBLEM.

REPORTER: WASN'T ANYBODY SELECTED IN RESERVE?

KHUKRIT: NO. SHOULD SUCH A SELECTION HAVE BEEN MADE HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT IT. (LAUGHTER) HE WOULD KNOW THAT

THERE WAS A PERSON IN RESERVE SO THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE
END OF THE MATTER.

REPORTER: WHEN WILL A LETTER BE SUBMITTED TO HIS
MAJESTY FOR ROYAL APPROVAL?

KHUKRIT: SHOULD THERE BE NO OBSTACLE OF ANY KIND IT
WILL MOST PROBABLY BE TOMORROW (MAY 24), BECAUSE HIS
MAJESTY WILL RETURN FROM THE SOUTH TOMORROW.

REPORTER: DIDN'T ANYBODY PROPOSE YOUR NAME ALSO?

KHUKRIT: IT WAS PROPOSED ALSO BUT I DON'T WANT TO
BE PRIME MINISTER.

REPORTER: WHAT REASON DID YOU GIVE?

KHUKRIT: I SAID, "OH* I'M MOST CAPABLE BUT PLEASE
DON'T MENTION IT." (LAUGHTER) I POSSESS OUTSTANDING
CAPABILITY ALSO. (LAUGHS)

REPORTER: AFTER PROFESSOR SANYA ACCEPTS THE PREMIER-
SHIP, WILL YOU HAVE TO INFORM THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY BEFORE SUBMITTING A LETTER TO HIS MAJESTY?

KHUKRIT: THERE WOULD BE NO NEED BECAUSE IT IS UNDER-
STOOD ALREADY. SINCE I KNOW ALREADY WHAT IS THE DESIRE
OF THE ASSEMBLY, I WILL SUBMIT A LETTER TO HIS MAJESTY AT
ONCE.

REPORTER: DO YOU EXPECT SANYA TO ACCEPT?

KHUKRIT: ABSOLUTELY. (LAUGHTER) OF COURSE I FEEL
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CERTAIN AND I WILL GO TO MEET HIM PRESENTLY.

REPORTER: DID ANYBODY PROPOSE THE NAME OF PROFESSOR
PUAI?

KHUKRIT: NO, BECAUSE EVERY MEMBER WANTS PROFESSOR
SANYA...IT IS A FACT THAT THE PROPOSAL OF THE NAMES OF
ANY OTHER PERSONS, INCLUDING MY OWN, WERE PROPOSALS MADE
BY FRIENDS MORE IN FUN RATHER THAN IN EARNEST AND THEY
ASKED WHY I WOULDN'T TAKE OVER THE PREMIERSHIP MYSELF.
WHEN I SAID I DON'T WANT IT, THAT WAS THE END OF THE
MATTER. MAY NAME WAS NOT PROPOSED IN EARNEST AT ALL.

REPORTER: ARE YOU REALLY CONFIDENT THAT PROFESSOR
SANYA WILL ACCEPT? HAVEN'T YOU SOUNDED HIM OUT BEFOREHAND?

KHUKRIT: THERE'S NO NEED AT ALL. I FEEL FULL CONFIDENCE IN MY POWERS OF PERSUASION. (LAUGHTER) I HAVE NEVER SOUNDED HIM OUT AT ALL. (LAUGHS)

REPORTER: DO YOU THINK THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NAME OF THE PRIME MINISTER COULD BE MADE TOMMORROW?

KHUKRIT: SOULD THERE NO OBSTACLE, IT SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED TOMMORROW EVENING. THAT'S MY BELIEF.

REPORTER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.

KHUKRIT: THANK YOU.
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